

STAKEHOLDER MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2003

Introductions: Richard Strecker introduced guests: Vicki Huesemann from Senator Chuck Gross's office and Jeff Grosvenor from the Central Office.

Placement: Janet Portell reported that the transition team has been working diligently. There are 17 individuals on the Olmstead list and 6 are in the placement process. Of the 62 persons on the priority wait list, 16 have been placed. 8 children with dual-diagnosis have been placed leaving 11 on the list. Some of the biggest challenges with placement are that parents want their children to remain in their current school districts or current work shops. Parents frequently want a specific agency for their children. There are three new providers who are willing to work with children. They are Epworth Children & Family Services, Edgewood Children's Home and Boys and Girls Town. A contract has been completed with BJC to expand the family & home program.

Case load growth: All consumers on the wait list are prioritized from a rating of 1-12. Case load growth funds are used for consumers who had a rating of 7 or greater. 203 individuals are on waiting lists.

Budget: Jeff Grosvenor spoke about the fy05 budget.

- There were 394 retirements and only 25% can be replaced.
- There will be additional withholds in the fy05 budget.
- MRDD is applying for 2 grants.(Independent Plus & Direct Care Support Workers)
- Funding should become more equitable across the state due to the wait list/case load growth funds.
- In order to balance the budget some services will probably need to be eliminated.
- The new community waiver has a \$20,000. cap. Candidates for that waiver are persons over 18 receiving General Revenue services.
- There is a P & A lawsuit pending regarding Medicaid Waiver slot denials.
- The growth area of need across the state is children who are living in their natural homes.
- Service delivery costs are more in St. Louis than in other areas of the state.
- Case load growth will eventually address in home needs after the wait list has been satisfied.
- \$575,000.00 in the 04 budget is one time money that will not be available in the 05 budget.

Utilization Review: The Utilization Review Mat team held a one year reunion. A need to review and fine tune the system is recommended. The priority list is a result of the Utilization Review process.

Minutes: Some changes were made to the August 8 stakeholder's meeting minutes. The corrected minutes will be put on the stakeholder web site.

The next stakeholder meeting will be October 10 at 10:00 a.m. at 211 N. Lindbergh

Respectfully submitted
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